

**State Medevac Committee Meeting  
Richmond Marriott West  
Richmond, Virginia  
July 26, 2007  
10:00 a.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Christopher Cannon Scott Kunkel Robin Davis Paul Davenport Brett Henyon Jay Cullen Don Childs John Ratliff John Bianco Christopher Perkins Jeff Hamilton Allen C. Wolfe, Jr. Chris Stevenson Terry Austin Bob Knox	Randy Abernathy	Paul Sharpe David Edwards Wanda Street	Brian Solada Brett Dodd Maggie McCauley Michael Ortega Darryl Lazar Tim Pickering Karen Wagner Melissa Hunt Susan Smith Ami DeHart-Watkins Dr. Allen Yee William Aiken David Trueman Kevin Peters Jana Williams Joseph Lopreto

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<b>Call to order:</b>	Meeting was called to order by Paul Sharpe at 10:02 a.m.	
<b>Introductions:</b>	Attendees introduced themselves around the room. (See roster above.)	
<b>Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2007 &amp; April 26, 2007 meetings:</b>	Motions were made to approve the minutes from the January and the April meetings. Under Agency Reports/Program Announcements, PHI Air Medical, "John DeCaulier" should be "John D. Collier".	<b>Minutes were approved as amended.</b>
<b>Chair Report:</b>	<p>Paul introduced David Edwards who is the new OEMS , EMS for Children Coordinator. Paul also welcomed Karen Wagner, EMS Advisory Board Chair.</p> <p>Mr. Abernathy could not attend today's meeting, so Paul will fill in as Chair for today's meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Abernathy wanted to pass on that he will not be meeting with Eric Cantor as discussed in the last meeting. Randy also wanted to pass on that OEMS has a new Office of the Attorney General Representative. His name is Matt Cobb. He's been very responsive and has been instrumental in getting items approved quickly. Once Mr. Cobb has gotten caught up with currently pending OEMS issues, it is</p>	<b>Next Public Town Forum is in Central Shenandoah - October 16. Location to be announced at a later date.</b>

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	envisioned that he will review our current system and offer advice on future direction of the Medevac System.	
<b>OEMS Report:</b>	<p>The Medevac regulations and all other regulations that were pending approval have been put into the NOIRA process. They went to the Board of Health last Friday and were approved. Stakeholders should receive notification in the next month or two that the public comment period is open. They are not available for review online yet.</p> <p>Regional Council Regulations and RSAF regulations were approved last Friday and will be published by October 31.</p> <p>Online LZ Directory went live yesterday. Previously it was not web-based, but we made it web-based. It will be password protected by agency. Currently there is no information in it. Each agency will contribute information/pictures from their area. The old LZ directory had latitude/longitude information. Paul was concerned about posting the old outdated information. It was suggested that alerts be posted as well as expiration dates.</p>	<p><b>OEMS will send out the website information for the LZ Directory.</b></p> <p><b>Each agency will contribute to this directory.</b></p>
<b>Best Practices:</b>	Chris Cannon advised that the committee met in May & June via Web conference and was well attended. The goal is to maintain a monthly meeting as well as electronic meetings. Currently discussing deliverables 2.1 which involve the dispatch and request process. The committee has found that there are differences in terminology and there is a need for consistency. The next meeting is immediately following this meeting. Paul Sharpe responded by saying that he is pleased that the Best Practices are beginning to progress.	
<b>Weather Sharing Presentation:</b>	<p>Jana Williams is the Program Director for AirLife in Denver. She provided a presentation on their weather sharing program. The program is called Colorado Weather SAFE Alert Program. It is modeled after the Amber Alert program. It is designed to be an information only program. It does not dictate whether you can or cannot fly. It gives agencies additional information concerning flights that are not accepted due to weather conditions. This program came about when a helicopter crashed due to inclement weather, the flight had previously been turned down by two other agencies. Their system acknowledged the need to be aware of weather situations that affected other agencies. The survivor of the crash made a passionate plea to create a way to let other agencies know when they turn down a flight due to bad weather conditions. When an agency turns down a flight it is required to page or email the system that a flight was turned down. Then if another agency wants to help and take that flight, they can. We also use EMS systems statewide and are looking to put this information on that system as well. One of the biggest hurdles was trust. Some agencies were resistant about regions and territories. Another downfall was redundancy of collecting data. Now we collect data on missed flights and have a method to perform QA on the issue.</p> <p>Paul Sharpe asked how many agencies in Colorado are involved in this system. Jana replied that there are 8 air medical agencies, about 4 CCT agencies. There are about 15 or 16 agencies total because other areas are interested such as Mexico, Nebraska, etc (cross border).</p>	

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	<p>Paul Davenport feels that this would be very helpful for the State of Virginia. He would like the agencies to consider implementing a system like this.</p>	
<p><b>Agency Reports/Program Announcements:</b></p>	<p><b>Melissa Hunt, MCV/VCU</b> – Currently, we have a yellow and a red crane on site. The yellow crane will be gone as of September 15. However, a larger crane will be replacing that one. The red crane will be in place for “a while”. VCU/MCV opened an additional communications center to monitor the cranes and the helicopters to assist Medevac operations due to the close proximity of the cranes to the helipad. It is open 24/7 and staffed by one person. The hospital does have some control of the cranes. The I-Lot lighting problems have now been fixed through VDOT. Also, improvements have been made to the trailer at the I-lot. If you don’t have a key, please let me know. Call 828-0786 to notify us that you coming and the approximate time of arrival. Please listen to Med Channel 9 for information as well.</p> <p><b>Brett Henyon, PHI Air Medical</b> – We received CAMTS re-accreditation for all of our Virginia and Maryland bases. Richmond base went operational with NVG’s in May. Winchester finished their NVG training yesterday and Leesburg begins today. PHI received the “Outstanding EMS Agency Award for the Central Shenandoah region. PHI is fully staffed.</p> <p><b>Paul Davenport, Carilion Life-Guard</b> – Life-Guard 11 has moved to Carilion New River Valley Medical Center in Radford. The purpose of the move was due to weather in that area affecting Lifeguard 11’s ability to respond to several calls over the past couple of years; the move is believed to improve the utilization of LG11. It is hoped that the design, permit, and construction processes for a permanent hangar and building at the hospital will move quickly. Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital is moving Sept. 17. the ER may convert to some type of urgent care center. We have a new clinical team leader for Life-Guard 10.</p> <p><b>Allen Wolfe, Jr., MedStar</b> - Working closely with Northern Virginia EMS Council in providing monthly reports for the agencies that we serve. Working with LifeEvac, PHI, Frederick &amp; Washington Hospital to create a regional approach to deal with the number of ambulatory cardiac assist device patients. We hope to have a “Train the Trainer” day in NOVA to educate &amp; train the EMS personnel on these different cardiac devices. Training modules, PowerPoint presentations, and videos to update the staff at the various agencies is planned. Congratulations was given to Allen on receiving his award!</p> <p><b>Jeff Hamilton, Aeromedical Transport</b> – No report. Wanted to recognize Dr. Allen Yee for being with us today.</p> <p><b>Scott Kunkel, UVA Pegasus</b> – Greg Freeman will be our new operations manager and will be starting in August. Tim Hodge is the direct supervisor over Pegasus, Bob Knox has returned to the flight nurse/paramedic role and is a project manager as well. UVA has combined all separate transport programs into one division.</p> <p><b>Robin Davis, Fairfax Co. Police</b> – Sitting in for Mark Smith. Had two senior officers transfer out; two new staff members who have just finished up their training and three more currently in school. The unit received a \$285,000 grant, will be performing some night ops training, and are adding one more position.</p> <p><b>Terry Austin, MedFlight I</b> –We have two new pilots. Lt. Nick Saunders officially retires July 31. Bob Possumato was selected to replace him effective Aug. 10.</p> <p><b>Don Childs, MedFlight III</b> – Just a reminder that Bristol Regional has cranes in the area and request at</p>	<p><b>It was suggested by Paul Davenport to put all the program/agency patches on a flag or something from the Medevac committee for Lt. Saunders’</b></p>

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	<p>least 20 minute notifications if possible.</p> <p><b>John Ratliff, MedFlight II</b> – A NACCS Class will be held on August 3rd and 4th, call Peter Martin for more details at 434-237-7921.</p> <p><b>Chris Cannon – Nightingale</b> – Sent out helipad access procedure primarily for Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. If anyone needs a copy of that, please call or email.</p> <p><b>David Edwards/EMS for Children</b> – I plan to become more familiar with the pediatric equipment and protocols used by air medical agencies, etc. Mr. Edwards looks forward to participating with this committee in the future</p> <p><b>Karen Wagner/Chair EMS Advisory Board</b> – I am very pleased to see the action that is coming out of the committee, and acknowledge that this has not always been the case with this committee.</p> <p><b>Dr. Yee</b>- No report.</p>	retirement.
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	None	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	None	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.	